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His Excellency Andrés Manuel López Obrador  
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Dear Presidente López Obrador:

The State of Texas and the Republic of Mexico share deep historic, cultural, community, and business ties. For years we have worked in a collaborative fashion on many issues of importance to Mexico and Texas. I have had the honor and pleasure of working with your two immediate predecessors – former Presidents Enrique Pena Nieto and Felipe Calderon – and I look forward to meeting and working with you.

Working collaboratively will provide greater prosperity for our citizens and our countries. One way to achieve stronger and prosperous futures is with the opening of new pipelines that can improve energy security, reliability and sustainability for all of North America.

Thanks to energy technology, skilled labor and plentiful natural resources, Texas has an excess of clean natural gas – natural gas that can be a benefit to Mexico. Natural gas powers more than half of Mexico's energy use and even more of its electricity. Mexico consumes more natural gas than it produces. New pipeline projects and other projects can provide Mexico with an abundant supply of natural gas by safely transporting natural gas from oversupplied Texas to Mexican power plants and manufacturers.

Mexico and Texas will both benefit if your administration can quickly conclude your review and allow the newly constructed pipelines to begin transporting clean natural gas across our shared border.

Lingering questions about Mexico-U.S.-Canada project delays and longstanding contracts and business commitments could negatively impact our economies for years to come. As you know, the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA) has yet to be ratified by all three

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nations. NAFTA violations or the failure to honor longstanding contracts could jeopardize the USMCA.

These pipelines can be an excellent example of how cross-border trade works when our countries collaborate. Cross-border energy projects will provide important environmental, economic and security benefits for all of North America. They can be a shining example of North American economic empowerment and neighbors helping neighbors.

Again, thank you for the long-standing tradition of working collaboratively with Texas for the mutual benefit of our respective citizens. And, especially, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Abbott", written in a cursive style.

Greg Abbott  
Governor

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